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Application Number	09/638,743
Filing Date	08/14/2002
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Art Unit	3643
Examiner Name	Rowan
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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Enclosed
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 10-0210
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 08/12/2002 AWONDAF1 00000057 09638743
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:279 370.00 OP
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 OF THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED APPLICATION**

Sir:

Enclosed, please find an executed PTO/SB/30 transmittal form for the filing of a request for continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. 1.114. Also enclosed is a request for a two-month extension of time up to and including the date of August 19, 2002 and a form PTO-2038 credit card payment in the amount of \$570.00 (\$370.00 + \$200.00) in payment of the filing fee for the request for continued examination and for the two-month time extension fee. The applicant qualifies as a small entity. Please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account 10-0210.

Applicant's attorney, Carl L. Johnson, certifies that the present application is being deposited with the United States Postal Service by Express Mail, Express Mailing No. **ET312781479US** in an envelope addressed to: BOX RCE, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 August 8, 2002. Under the provisions of 1.10 and 1.53, the applicant request the application be given the filing date of August 8, 2002.

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